GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department – Sri K. Venkataramana Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PIU, Kandukur, Prakasam district and now retired - Allegations of irregularities in execution of the work "Providing B.T. surface to the road from Podili Darsi Road to Veligandla" in Prakasam district – Disciplinary proceedings initiated – Written Statement of Defence received – Further action dropped – Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1019 Dated: 27-08-2018

Read the following:-

1. From the General Admn. (V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.39 (C.No.437/V&E/E2/09-2), dated: 21.06.2011.
2. G.O.Rt.No.307, PR& RD (Vig.IA) Department, dated: 14.02.2014.
3. From Sri K. Venkataramana Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PIU, Penukonda and now retired, Written Statement of Defence dated:06.08.2014.
4. From the Superintending Engineer, PR, Prakasam, Lr.Rc.No. T1/PMGSY/Phase.VI/2016, dated:14.11.2016.
5. From the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, Letter No. Vig.III/9282/2013, dated:22.12.2016.

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ORDER:-

Based on the recommendations of the General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department made in the Vigilance Report 1st read above, disciplinary proceedings have been initiated, under Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, by framing charges, vide G.O. 2nd read above, against Sri K. Venkataramana Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PIU, Kandukur, Prakasam district and now retired, on the allegations of irregularities in execution of the work "Providing B.T. surface to the road from Podili Darsi Road to Veligandla" in Prakasam district. In reply to the charges, the Charged Officer has submitted his written statement of defence, vide representation 3rd read above.

2. In the letter 4th read above, the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Prakasam has stated that further core tests have been conducted in the CC pavement and found that the strength of the concrete is not as per required at certain locations of CC pavement even after lapse of more than 5 years and hence, it was directed to rectify the CC pavement at defective portions by laying 10cm wearing coat to entire width of each panel. He has further reported that the wearing coat of 10 cm with longitudinal slopes (1:15) to the entire width of panel was laid at the points of deficiencies and the road is in good condition and put open to traffic. In the letter 5th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, PR, while stating that the deficiencies were rectified, has recommended to drop further action against Sri K. Venkataramana Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PIU, Kandukur, Prakasam district and now retired, in this matter.

3. Government have observed that the Vigilance & Enforcement Department, in their report, has recommended, among others, to reject and relay the CC pavement at Gurugupadu Village portion, as the compressive strengths are not satisfying the relevant grade of concrete and the rejected value of works is of Rs.10,53,515/-. Government have further observed that the Superintending Engineer, Prakasam, in his report, has stated that the wearing coat of 10 cm to the entire width of each panel, duly providing necessary longitudinal slopes (1:15), was laid at the points of deficiencies. This indicates that the Charged Officer has allowed sub-standard quality of concrete work in CC pavement. Government have therefore considered imposing a minor penalty on the Charged Officer. However since the Charged Officer has retired from service, Government have decided to drop further action against Sri K. Venkataramana Reddy, Executive Engineer, PR (Retd.), in this matter, by taking a lenient view.

(p.t.o.)

4. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri K. Venkataramana Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PIU, Kandukur, Prakasam district and now retired, by taking a lenient view.

5. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

DR. K.S. JAWAHAR REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K. Venkataramana Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PIU, Kandukur, Prakasam district and now retired, through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada. Copy to:
The General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission.
S.f./S.c.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER